

granting deferred enforced departure for Liberians living in the United States. I am reiterating that call today, and ask my colleagues to join in this important effort.

GETTING OFF THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM

(Mr. BROUN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, America is on a road that I believe is going to lead to financial destruction and doom. We are being driven down that road by the administration and the leadership of Congress. In fact, NANCY PELOSI and HARRY REID are driving a steamroller of socialism that is being shoved down the throats of the American public and it is going to strangle the American economy. It is going to kill the American public economically.

Republicans have offered alternatives to these huge spending bills that don't create jobs. They create a bigger socialistic central government. We have plans that will create jobs at half the cost and actually create twice the amount of jobs. We have plans to have a comprehensive energy policy. We have plans that will put America back on the right track to financial security and on a track of energy independence and on a track of the free market system.

We need to get off this road of socialism and get on a road of freedom. I call upon my colleagues in this House to help us to get off the road to socialism and on one towards freedom.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1013

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 10 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 38, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-25) on the resolution (H. Res. 219) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 38) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 38, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 38) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes; such joint resolution shall be considered as read; such joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the Chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on such joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 142, not voting 69, as follows:

[Roll No. 107]

YEAS—220

Ackerman	Cassidy	Edwards (MD)
Adler (NJ)	Castor (FL)	Ellison
Andrews	Chandler	Eshoo
Baca	Childers	Etheridge
Baird	Clarke	Farr
Baldwin	Clay	Filner
Barrow	Cleaver	Forbes
Barton (TX)	Clyburn	Fortenberry
Bean	Cohen	Foster
Berkley	Connolly (VA)	Frank (MA)
Biggart	Conyers	Franks (AZ)
Bilbray	Cooper	Fudge
Bishop (NY)	Costa	Gerlach
Blumenauer	Costello	Giffords
Boren	Courtney	Gonzalez
Boswell	Crowley	Goodlatte
Boucher	Cummings	Grayson
Boyd	Dahlkemper	Green, Al
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Griffith
Braley (IA)	Davis (IL)	Gutierrez
Bright	Davis (TN)	Halvorson
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Hare
Buchanan	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Capps	Dent	Heinrich
Capuano	Dicks	Heller
Cardoza	Doyle	Herseth Sandlin
Carnahan	Driehaus	Higgins
Carson (IN)		Hill

Himes	McCollum	Sánchez, Linda
Hinchey	McDermott	T.
Hinojosa	McGovern	Sanchez, Loretta
Hodes	McIntyre	Sarbanes
Hoekstra	McMahon	Schakowsky
Holden	McNerney	Schauer
Holt	Meek (FL)	Schiff
Honda	Meeks (NY)	Schwartz
Hoyer	Michaud	Scott (GA)
Inslee	Miller (NC)	Scott (VA)
Israel	Miller, George	Serrano
Jackson (IL)	Mollohan	Sestak
Johnson (GA)	Moore (KS)	Shea-Porter
Johnson, E. B.	Moore (WI)	Sherman
Kagen	Moran (VA)	Sires
Kanjorski	Murphy (CT)	Skelton
Kennedy	Murphy, Patrick	Slaughter
Kildee	Murtha	Smith (WA)
Kilpatrick (MI)	Nadler (NY)	Snyder
Kind	Napolitano	Spratt
Kingston	Obey	Sutton
Kissell	Oliver	Tanner
Klein (FL)	Ortiz	Tauscher
Kosmas	Pallone	Taylor
Kratovil	Pascarell	Teague
Kucinich	Pastor (AZ)	Tierney
Lance	Payne	Titus
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Tonko
Larson (CT)	Peters	Towns
Latham	Pingree (ME)	Tsongas
Lee (CA)	Polis (CO)	Van Hollen
Levin	Pomeroy	Velázquez
Lewis (GA)	Posey	Visclosky
Loeback	Price (NC)	Walz
Lowey	Rahall	Wasserman
Luján	Reyes	Schultz
Lynch	Richardson	Waters
Maffei	Rodriguez	Watson
Maloney	Rooney	Watt
Markey (CO)	Ross	Waxman
Markey (MA)	Rothman (NJ)	Weiner
Marshall	Roybal-Allard	Welch
Massa	Ruppersberger	Wexler
Matsui	Rush	Woolsey
McCarthy (NY)	Ryan (OH)	Wu
McClintock	Salazar	Yarmuth

NAYS—142

Aderholt	Gordon (TN)	Neugebauer
Akin	Granger	Nunes
Alexander	Graves	Nye
Altmire	Guthrie	Olson
Arcuri	Hall (TX)	Paul
Austria	Harper	Paulsen
Bachmann	Hastings (WA)	Pence
Bachus	Hensarling	Peterson
Bartlett	Herger	Petri
Berry	Hunter	Platts
Bilirakis	Inglis	Poe (TX)
Bishop (UT)	Jenkins	Price (GA)
Blackburn	Johnson, Sam	Rehberg
Blunt	Jones	Reichert
Boehner	King (IA)	Roe (TN)
Bonner	King (NY)	Rogers (AL)
Boozman	Kirk	Rogers (MI)
Boustany	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Kline (MN)	Royce
Brown (GA)	Lamborn	Ryan (WI)
Burgess	Latta	Scalise
Burton (IN)	Lee (NY)	Schmidt
Campbell	Lewis (CA)	Schock
Cantor	Linder	Sensenbrenner
Capito	LoBiondo	Sessions
Carney	Lucas	Shadegg
Carter	Luetkemeyer	Shuster
Castle	Lummis	Simpson
Chaffetz	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (NE)
Coble	E.	Smith (NJ)
Cole	Mack	Smith (TX)
Conaway	Manzullo	Souder
Crenshaw	Marchant	Stearns
Culberson	Matheson	Stupak
Davis (KY)	McCarthy (CA)	Terry
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCaul	Thompson (CA)
Diaz-Balart, M.	McHenry	Thompson (PA)
Donnelly (IN)	McHugh	Thornberry
Dreier	McKeon	Turner
Ellsworth	McMorris	Upton
Emerson	Rodgers	Walden
Fallin	Mica	Wamp
Flake	Miller (FL)	Westmoreland
Fleming	Miller (MI)	Whitfield
Fox	Mitchell	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)	Wittman
Garrett (NJ)	Murphy, Tim	Wolf
Gingrey (GA)	Myrick	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—69

Abercrombie	Ehlers	Minnick
Barrett (SC)	Engel	Neal (MA)
Becerra	Fattah	Oberstar
Berman	Galleghy	Perriello
Bishop (GA)	Gohmert	Pitts
Bocciari	Green, Gene	Putnam
Bono Mack	Grijalva	Radanovich
Brown (SC)	Hall (NY)	Rangel
Brown-Waite,	Harman	Rogers (KY)
Ginny	Hirono	Ros-Lehtinen
Butterfield	Issa	Roskam
Buyer	Jackson-Lee	Schrader
Calvert	(TX)	Shimkus
Camp	Johnson (IL)	Shuler
Cao	Jordan (OH)	Space
Coffman (CO)	Kaptur	Speier
Cuellar	Kilroy	Stark
Davis (AL)	Langevin	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	LaTourette	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Lipinski	Tiahrt
Dingell	Lofgren, Zoe	Tiberi
Doggett	McCotter	Wilson (OH)
Duncan	Melancon	Young (AK)
Edwards (TX)	Miller, Gary	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1042

Mr. SHUSTER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. DENT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2009

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 38) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 38

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2009 (division A of Public Law 110-329) is amended by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting "March 11, 2009".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous and tabular material on H.J. Res. 38.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, this proposition simply keeps the government open

until midnight on Wednesday so we can complete our business. I urge its adoption.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I guess you all know that we didn't have to be here today debating yet another extension of a continuing resolution and we certainly didn't have to wait until the fiscal year was almost half over to complete a package of spending bills addressing funding for 2009. And yet here we are, 157 days into the new fiscal year, passing another short-term CR while our work on 2009 bills remains unfinished. Unfinished. What a shame. Madam Speaker, what a shame.

Had the Appropriations Committee been allowed by the Democrat leadership to do its work this year, we could have easily passed each of the 12 spending bills. Each of the bills would have benefited from Members offering ideas, debate. We actually do have talented Members on both sides of the aisle at the subcommittee level, not allowed to participate in the process.

□ 1045

Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, liberal or conservative, your rights as a duly elected Member of this body have been belittled by a majority leadership that believes absolute power flows from the top.

Members should have had the opportunity to do what they were elected to do, shape legislation and make sure that their own voices and the voices of their people are heard. Instead, virtually every Member of the House has been shut out of the process of writing this massive \$410 billion spending bill that will govern how taxpayer dollars are spent for the remainder of this year.

The sad irony is that while the House passes another CR that keeps the government running, the Senate is doing what the House could only dream of doing, offering and debating amendments to the omnibus bill. It is no wonder so many Members of the House aspire to serve in the Senate. The Senate is the only place left in the U.S. Congress where legislation is still considered under a reasonably open process.

The Senate has wisely observed what the House has failed to recognize: Not one of the nine bills in the omnibus spending package was ever debated or considered in the House or the Senate. Six of the nine bills in the omnibus were never debated or considered by the full House Appropriations Committee. Senators are doing the right thing by attempting to improve this legislation, which is busting at the seams with too much spending.

The Senate's action last night sends an unmistakable signal that spending fatigue has finally set in. Certainly not in the House, but in the Senate spending fatigue has finally set in. Senators

from both parties recognize what the House leadership failed to observe, that the spending in the omnibus is excessive and goes far beyond what our public believes is reasonable and responsible.

Omnibus funding represents a \$32 billion or 8 percent increase over last year for the very same agencies and programs. This represents the largest annual Federal Government spending increase since President Carter served in 1978.

There is a storm brewing out there in the hinterlands, fueled by the public's disdain over the free-for-all spending of the Congress. Hundreds of billions of dollars directed to the stimulus package, Wall Street, auto makers, and the line of folks with their hands out continue to grow. Where does the spending end, Madam Speaker?

It has been said completing the omnibus is merely completing last year's unfinished business. But what a wasted opportunity it is to demonstrate to the American people that this Congress and this administration "gets it," and that we are ready to roll up our sleeves and address government spending going forward. Again, where does the spending end?

The Members of the House have had enough of the "my way or the highway" legislative process that has governed the formulation of the omnibus, the stimulus package and every supplemental bill passed over the last couple of years, and I believe the majority of our Members have had it with the proliferation of spending that will come to define the 111th Congress under this majority.

Madam Speaker, each of us recognizes that extending a CR one more time is an admission of our failure to complete our work on time. It will surely pass, but let's not lose sight that this is simply doing our work in the worst possible way. Again, it didn't have to be this way.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let me say that I don't believe this is Chairman OBEY's fault. While we may disagree over policy and funding levels, we both believe that it is time to get our appropriations process back on track. I look forward to working with the chairman this year and I am hopeful that together we can embrace an open process that allows for the full participation of the Members on both sides of the aisle.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I reserve my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, the continuing resolution before us today presents us with a golden opportunity to send over to the other body some legislation that does not contain thousands of earmarks, legislation that is not bloated, legislation